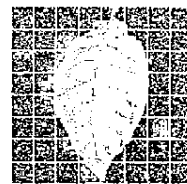
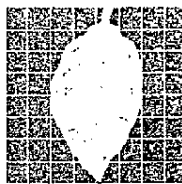
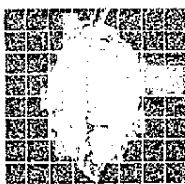


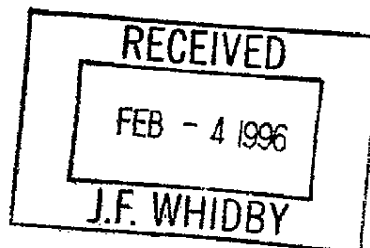
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January 31, 1997



TO: Board of Directors
FROM: William L. Steele
SUBJECT: Report for January 1997

Staff

No changes.

Facilities

Our humidity control system continues to work without breakdown.

Activities

The draft report for Market Sample Thirty-nine was sent on schedule, January 3, 1997. By this time, everyone should have received a copy.

The pickup process was started about the same time. We have responses from all fifty locations, and defective brands, i.e. those in which the sample size is too small, are now being sought. Cigarette selection and marking are already underway, and this task should be completed in March.

As a historical note, the first pickup was only for fifty brands, and the contractor, Western Union, took over three months to do the job.


William L. Steele

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